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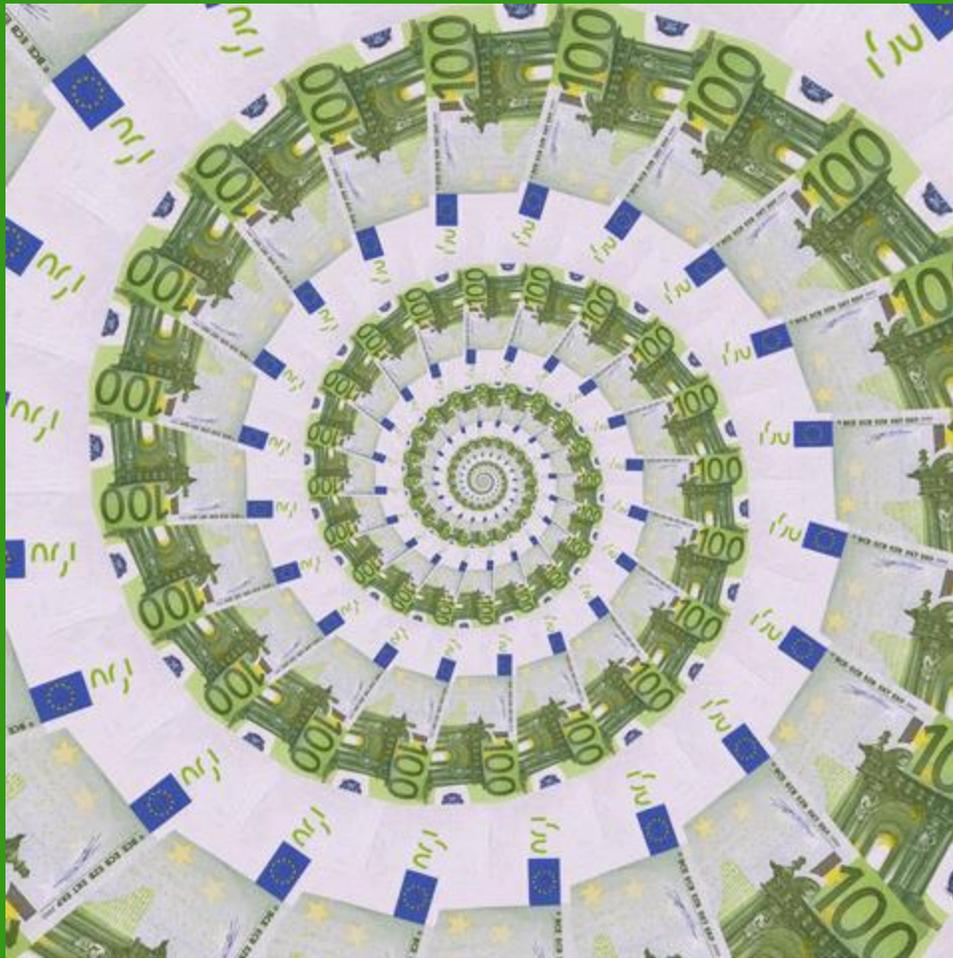
*Dear Neighbor,*

This week, the Budget was completed and sent to the Governor. Per the Constitution, the state budget has to pass by the first Friday after the first Monday of May -- which, this year, is May 7. If it doesn't pass, the Governor has to call a special session to pass the budget. I am happy that we met the constitutional deadline of 6:00 PM on Friday.

*Yours in Service,*

*Rich*

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## Missouri lawmakers OK \$35B budget without Medicaid expansion

By [Associated Press](#)

Published: May. 7, 2021 at 4:08 PM CDT

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo. (AP) - Missouri lawmakers approved a \$35 billion budget on Friday that includes no funding for a Medicaid expansion approved by voters, putting Gov. Mike Parson's administration in a position to decide what to do next about the health care program for low-income residents.

The fiscal 2022 spending plan passed by the House and Senate includes funding increases for public schools, universities,

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hospitals and nursing homes, as well as a pay raise for state employees. It passed just hours ahead of a constitutional deadline.

Although Republicans noted that the budget increases funding for the current Medicaid program, they made clear that they didn't intend any of the money to be used to expand coverage for low-income adults under the terms of a constitutional amendment approved by voters last fall.

That measure says people ages 19-65 earning up to 138% of the federal poverty level — less than \$17,774 annually for an individual or less than \$37,570 for a family of four — “shall be eligible” and “shall receive coverage” for Medicaid benefits starting July 1. The amendment did not change existing eligibility standards for children and seniors, and it did not say how to pay for the expansion.

Republican lawmakers believe that by not appropriating money for the expanded coverage, they can prevent it from occurring. But Democrats contend that the state must cover the additional people anyway, even if it means there would be less money available for everyone else in the program.

It will be up to Parson's administration to decide how to implement the budget, though any decision is likely to face a court challenge. Parson opposed the Medicaid expansion at the ballot box, but after voters approved it, he included funding for it in the budget he proposed to lawmakers earlier this year.

“We will assess our options and legal requirements on how to move forward regarding Medicaid expansion,” Parson spokeswoman Kelli Jones said Friday.

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## House Legislative Dashboard

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Missouri House sends crime  
package to Senate over Democratic  
opposition

[Kurt Erickson](#)

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[stltoday.com](https://stltoday.com)

JEFFERSON CITY — The Republican-controlled Missouri House endorsed legislation Tuesday that would ban police chokeholds. And, like other responses to Black Lives Matters protests and the murder of George Floyd in Minneapolis, the measure also would prohibit police from having sexual relations with detainees as a way to ensure officers don't abuse their power.

But the overall legislation sponsored by Rep. Nick Schroer, a St. Charles County Republican, also would make it a crime for protesters to intentionally block traffic. It would be an infraction on first offense and rise to a felony on the third, with the charges becoming tougher when used as part of an "unlawful assembly."

The provision, which was criticized by Democrats as an attack on the First Amendment right to free speech, also would increase penalties against people if they vandalize public monuments or structures on public property.

And, under an amendment added by Rep. Ben Baker, R-Neosho, people would be allowed to carry loaded firearms in churches regardless of whether a pastor or congregation approves.

Those provisions were among dozens keeping Democrats from backing the legislation, which is the latest of several crime packages working their way through the Legislature two weeks after former Minneapolis police Officer Derek Chauvin was convicted of killing Floyd last year by kneeling on his neck.

The measure was approved on a 98-50 vote.

The House additions were placed on a much smaller original bill sponsored by Sen. Bill Eigel, R-Weldon Spring. Eigel spent time in the lower chamber observing the lengthy proceedings. It is not known if his proposal will be brought up in the Senate before lawmakers adjourn May 14.

Republicans defended their position, saying they are the party of law and order.

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“We didn’t run on defunding the police. We ran on supporting the police,” said Rep. Justin Hill, R-Lake Saint Louis. “This is why Republicans have a majority in Missouri.”

A tearful Rep. Rasheen Aldridge, D-St. Louis, who has been active in the Black Lives Matter movement, said the measure would hurt efforts by protesters to draw attention to problems in society.

“This bill isn’t going to stop protests. If this goes into effect, I’m not going to stop protesting,” Aldridge said.

“This bill makes criminals out of protesters,” said Rep. Peter Merideth, D-St. Louis.

Rep. Raychel Proudie, D-Ferguson, slammed the legislation, saying the anti-protesting provisions violate the First Amendment right to free speech.

“This bill is trash in my opinion,” Proudie said.

The [police chokehold provision](#) was tacked on to the overall legislation by Rep. Shamed Dogan, a Ballwin Republican who is the lone Black member of the Republican caucus. Its inclusion in the bill was approved by the chamber on a 111-34 vote.

Schroer’s legislation also would penalize cities for cutting police budgets by more than 12% — a GOP response to calls to “defund the police.”

The proposal also includes a so-called “police bill of rights,” which includes certain protections for police officers facing investigations for their behavior.

Rep. Bennie Cook, a Texas County Republican, attempted to add an amendment prohibiting probation for people convicted of attacking a cop.

“I’m very concerned about the assault on our law enforcement officers,” said Cook.

Opponents said making police a special class of victim went too far.

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“This is a terrible amendment,” said Rep. LaKeySha Bosley, D-St. Louis, before Cook tabled his proposal.

Other opponents, including St. Louis police Chief John Hayden, have said the changes would make it harder to punish officers for misconduct.

In a letter to lawmakers, Hayden said notifying officers of alleged violations could jeopardize internal investigations and lower the level of trust between police and the public.

The Senate, meanwhile, also is working on its own version of a policing bill that includes a ban on the use of chokeholds by police.

The [Senate version also includes a prohibition](#) on police officers having sexual relations with detainees.

The legislation is [Senate Bill 26](#).

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# Education Savings Accounts



## ESA bill heads to governor's desk

BY CAMERON GERBER ON MAY 6, 2021  
themissouritimes.com

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo. — Despite extensive conversations during its time in the House, a bill establishing an [education savings account](#) (ESA) program in Missouri quickly passed the Senate

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Thursday — and is perhaps the only education reform bill to see success this legislative session.

[HB 349](#), sponsored by [Rep. Phil Christofanelli](#), would establish the Missouri Empowerment Scholarship Accounts Program. The program would allow [taxpayers](#) to claim a tax credit of up to 50 percent of their liability for contributions to educational assistance programs. The funds would be pooled in ESAs for use on tuition, textbooks, tutoring services, and other costs. The program would apply to taxpayers in areas with populations at or exceeding 30,000.

It passed the Senate by a vote of 20-13, with GOP Sens. [Lincoln Hough](#), Sandy Crawford, and Karla Eslinger joining Democrats in voting against it.

“It’s a great day for Missouri students,” Christofanelli told The Missouri Times. “The General Assembly rose to the occasion to deliver for students who are in need across our state, and I look forward to seeing this program implemented to make a real difference in the lives of kids in our state.”

Despite [lengthy floor debate](#) in the House earlier this year, the only line of questioning in the upper chamber was for clarification on the reach of the program. The bill passed without a substitute or amendments from the Senate.

“This is important to help kids. This provides another option for kids who may need that option,” handler Sen. Andrew Koenig said on the floor. “The reality is every child is different, and we don’t know what that child needs but parents do. It could be a child is in a great school but they’re getting bullied and they need a different environment. Who knows what the needs of that child are?”

“In January I stood up and promised the senate would pass an education reform bill this year. Today my Republican colleagues came together to deliver a decisive victory for Missouri children,” Senate Majority Floor Leader Caleb Rowden said in a statement. “HB 349 provides targeted empowerment scholarships for the neediest children and ties program enrollment to public school funding increases. This is a win for Missouri kids and Missouri education — and we’re just getting started.”

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Senate Minority Floor Leader John Rizzo decried the bill's passage in a statement, saying the measure would detract from public schools.

"This bill will drain \$75 million away from public schools each year so certain families can get paid to homeschool their kids or get a kickback for sending them to private schools," Rizzo said. "I'm proud of the Democratic Caucus for voting unanimously against this legislation. I would encourage any communities upset with this legislation to take a hard look at the Republicans they send to Jefferson City."

HB 349 [passed the House](#) by a vote of 82-71 in February after a speech on the floor from Speaker Rob Vescovo, a vocal proponent of the legislation. Prior to its passage, an amendment from Rep. LaKeySha Bosley was added that would trigger the program once 40 percent or more of the K-12 transportation line item in the budget had been funded.

Democrats in the House [opposed the measure](#) as an "experiment" aimed at urban communities while [witnesses in committee](#) said Missouri's public schools were holding their own.

*This story has been updated.*

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protection orders, and expands the definition of stalking to include means through a third-party source such as social media.

“Having this lifetime protection order as a tool that a judge can possibly use for me gives me hope and makes me feel like I actually matter,” Lisa Saylor, a survivor and advocate for this legislation, said.

Current state statute allows protective orders for 180 days to one year. Full protection orders can be renewed for a maximum of just one year. A court can also include an automatic renewal for an order after one year; the respondent can, however, request a hearing at least 30 days before the expiration date.

But survivors, such as Saylor and Janice Thompson, described to lawmakers just how dangerous going to court repeatedly to ask a judge to renew the protection orders can be. It’s a time when abusers know exactly where their victims are located and can intimidate, harass, or harm them. Victims also aren’t able to carry mace or firearms with them in the parking lot or the courthouse, leaving them especially vulnerable.

And that’s not to mention victims will often go before different judges and have to retell their stories of abuse repeatedly, reliving the trauma.

Saylor, whose ex-husband sexually assaulted her while she was sedated in a hospital, has been to court 70 times — and 20 of those were pertaining to her orders of protection. While she hired a lawyer for family court appearances to protect her children, she represented herself when it came to orders of protection and at times was questioned by her abuser in court.

Overall, she spent more than \$42,000 on legal fees. Her ex-husband was released from prison in May 2020.

“I felt like my children needed better. I’m an adult. I needed to sacrifice for my children,” she said. “But I represented myself, pro se, and that’s pretty difficult for a victim. Holding our own is

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something that's hard to do, and being expected, rightfully so, to know the court proceedings and how it works, it's very intimidating."

Thompson's ex is servicing a near-life sentence for assaulting another woman and shooting the man she was with in 2016, and she's become an advocate for other survivors. She said the extended orders of protection is another "tool" law enforcement can use to keep victims safe.

"We understand it's simply a legal protection; it's not a magical forcefield. We can't legislate safety, but it's a tool we need," Thompson said. "When you're trying to do everything you can to keep yourself safe, you're doing everything you can so that legally you're protected so that hopefully everything is in place to get you a chance to escape without having to face additional problems."

Colleen Coble, CEO of the Missouri Coalition Against Domestic and Sexual Violence (MCADSV), placed the credit for the success of SB 71 squarely on survivors like Saylor and Thompson who traveled to Jefferson City to testify before lawmakers.

"They went through so much and told their stories and made sure that others don't have to go through the experience of having to go to court again and again and again," Coble said.

Roberts, a former Joplin chief of police and Department of Public Safety director, championed the legislation in the lower chamber. He previously told The Missouri Times he is "sensitive to the issue of domestic violence" and understood how difficult it could be for individuals to have to go to court constantly to be protected from an abuser.

"Victims of domestic violence should not have to live in constant fear of their abuser's retaliation, their beloved pet being harmed, or having to re-appear in court multiple times to renew the same order of protection," Gannon, a Republican freshman, said. "I hope this new law will empower victims to seek protection and enable families to recover from the trauma of domestic abuse."

"Helping those who are suffering through abuse and/or stalking is truly one of the most worthy items I've had the honor to work on," Rehder said. "I'm over the moon that this is headed to the governor's

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desk. The women who came and testified are so courageous. I cannot thank them enough.”



## General revenue collections continued to increase in April, latest report says

BY CAMERON GERBER ON MAY 4, 2021  
[themissouritimes.com](http://themissouritimes.com)

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JEFFERSON CITY, Mo. — Missouri's net [general revenue collections](#) for April soared by more than 30 percent compared to the same time last year, according to the latest general revenue report.

The report, released Tuesday by State Budget Director Dan Haug, found a 31.4 percent increase over last April's numbers, leaping from \$725 million last year to nearly \$953 million. Collections saw an increase for the fiscal year to date as well by nearly 17 percent, from \$7.5 billion to \$8.8 billion.

Individual [income tax collections](#) increased 21 percent for the year, from \$5.8 billion last year to \$7 billion in 2021, and rose for the month by 68 percent. Sales and use tax collections increased 5 percent for the year from \$1.8 billion to \$1.9 billion this year, and rose 21 percent for the month.

Corporate income and corporate franchise tax collections also increased for the year, rising by nearly 58 percent from \$385 million last year to slightly less than \$609 million this year. Collections for the month also increased substantially, bounding up by nearly 205 percent.

All other collections increased 13.6 percent for the year, from \$397 million last year to \$451 million this year. They saw an increase of 47 percent for the month, while refunds increased more than 770 percent for the month and 35 percent for the year, from \$934 million last year to \$1.26 billion this year.

General revenue collections have remained healthy through the first quarter of the year, [rebounding after a turbulent 2020](#).

The state's coffers have been a frequent topic as the legislative session nears its end; both chambers have passed a [\\$34 billion budget](#) for the 2022 fiscal year, with [final conferences](#) taking place this week before the budget deadline hits Friday.

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Gable and Josephine Bond visited the Capitol from Iowa this week. I had the good fortune to meet them and their mom. I serve as a tourism commissioner for our state and I love it when we have out of state visitors. I presented Gable and Josephine with Missouri and U.S. flags to remember their time at our capitol.



## Time-sensitive HIV medication could be easier to access under proposal heading to Missouri governor

- [Maria Benevento](#)
- [stltoday.com](#)

JEFFERSON CITY — Legislation to ease access to time-sensitive HIV medications is headed to the governor's desk after unanimous approval in the Missouri House on Thursday.

The proposal allows pharmacists to dispense medication known as [post-exposure prophylaxis](#), or PEP, without a prescription.

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The antiretroviral drugs are given shortly after a potential exposure to HIV. If taken soon enough after exposure, they can head off infection.

[Sen. Greg Razer](#), D-Kansas City, had added the proposal to a larger bill before it returned to the House for final approval.

The legislation is meant to help people “not have to worry about whether or not they are going to be permanently HIV-positive and on medication for the rest of their life,” Razer said during Senate debate in April.

If signed by the governor, the proposal could give faster access to medications which can currently be hard to obtain quickly enough, especially for those that may not have an established primary care doctor.

Razer’s legislation specifies pharmacists must work with a licensed doctor who determines the protocol to dispense the medication.

To allow for changing medical knowledge, the proposal leaves it up to the state board of registration for the healing arts and the state board of pharmacy to develop further rules and regulations.

[Rep. Phil Christofanelli](#), R-St. Peters, advocated for similar legislation earlier in the session.

Christofanelli said he has heard stories of people going to emergency rooms to seek post-exposure medication and instead being referred to a specialized HIV clinic.

“That’s really a disgrace ... because these drugs can save lives,” he said. “And I believe that you should be able to access them wherever is most convenient to you.”

The proposal was attached to [House Bill 476](#), which makes it easier for former military members to use their training to get equivalent professional licenses.

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## EDITORIALS

# OMG and get the smelling salts: Missouri agrees to hire more lawyers for the poor

BY THE KANSAS CITY STAR EDITORIAL BOARD

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In a rare Jefferson City win for fairness, the Missouri legislature is inching closer to fully funding the state's public defender office.

We can't believe it either, but House and Senate negotiators agreed Wednesday to spend \$3.6 million to hire 53 additional lawyers for the trial division of the [Missouri State Public Defender office](#). They will join 331 trial lawyers already in the office.

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If the full legislature [passes the measure](#), and Gov. Mike Parson signs it, Missouri will finally climb out of the unconstitutional rut that has left thousands of defendants without timely, adequate representation in court. “It’s what we need,” said Mary Fox, director of the MSPD.

[The effort has not been easy](#). Earlier this year, an exasperated state judge gave lawmakers until July 1 to address so-called “wait lists” of defendants, leaving many in custody without publicly-funded lawyers.

It follows our [in-depth reporting in 2019](#), which revealed the stress on public defenders across the state, and the careless way many judges view the rights of the accused.

It will take time to hire people — a jobs fair is planned for June 10. And the attorneys will serve in rural areas, where the lack of defenders is most acute. Training and relocation will take time.

But the Missouri General Assembly has finally addressed this problem. We congratulate lawmakers for doing so, and strongly recommend they try it again. Medicaid expansion would be a good place to start.

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## **Governor Parson Announces LIHEAP Energy Assistance Program Changes to Help More Missourians Pay Energy Bills**

Governor Mike Parson announced that the [Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program](#) (LIHEAP) Energy Assistance (EA) Program is extending one-time primary heating bill payments through May 31, 2021.

In addition, eligibility for both the heating and cooling programs

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are expanding from Missouri households with incomes up to 135 percent of the Federal Poverty Level to include Missouri households with an income of up to 60 percent of State Median Income (SMI). This change will now allow a family of four with an annual income of up to \$51,021 to receive benefits compared to an annual income of \$35,364.

“Missourians have spent a lot more time at home due to COVID-19, especially those learning and working remotely, which has caused some families to have higher than normal energy bills,” **Governor Parson** said. “Expanding the current LIHEAP Energy Assistance heating program time frame and the household income eligibility for this year’s heating and cooling programs will help relieve more families of this financial strain.”

#### **60 Percent of the SMI**

<b>Number of Persons</b>	<b>Monthly Income</b>	<b>Yearly Income</b>
1	\$ 2,211	\$ 26,531
2	\$ 2,891	\$ 34,694
3	\$ 3,571	\$ 42,858
4	\$ 4,252	\$ 51,021
5	\$ 4,932	\$ 59,184
6	\$ 5,612	\$ 67,348

To determine eligibility for households over six people, add an additional \$128 per person per month or \$1,536 per year.

In addition to meeting the income criteria, households must also meet the following criteria to qualify for LIHEAP:

- Be responsible for paying home heating costs
- Have \$3,000 or less in bank accounts, retirement accounts, or investments
- All household members must be a U.S. citizen or legally admitted for permanent residence

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Missourians can submit a LIHEAP application form online, by mail or fax, or drop off a paper application form in person.

Missourians in need of information on LIHEAP, Food Stamp, Medicaid, Child Care Subsidy, or Temporary Assistance for Needy Families benefit programs can visit [dss.mo.gov](https://dss.mo.gov). Individuals can also apply for these services 24/7 online by visiting [MyDSS.mo.gov](https://MyDSS.mo.gov), sending completed applications and verification documents by email to [FSD.Documents@dss.mo.gov](mailto:FSD.Documents@dss.mo.gov) or by fax to 573-526-9400.

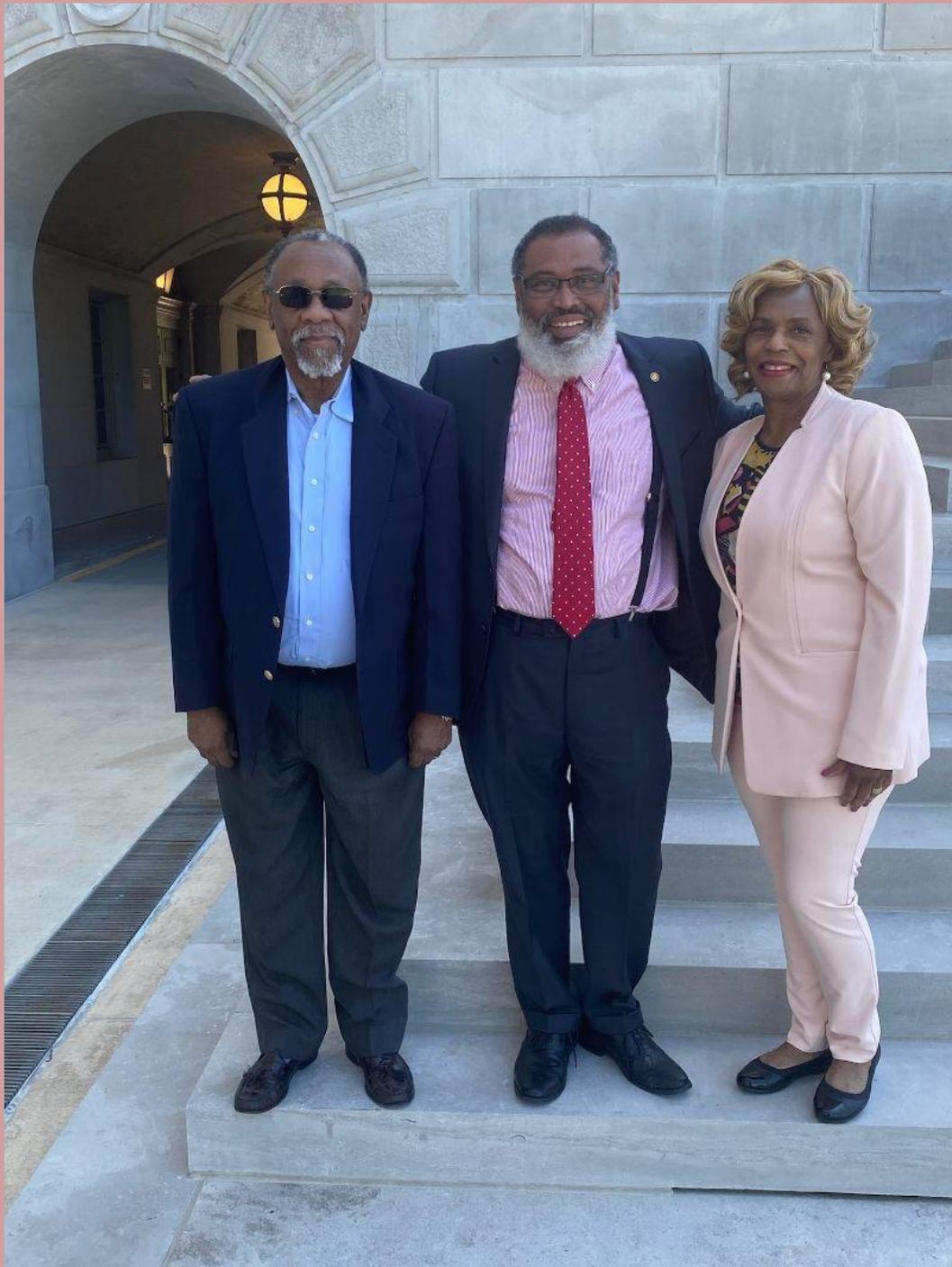
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**Dr. Louis Peterson and Mrs. Doris Peterson visited with me this week in Jefferson City.**

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# Financial Support for Missouri Renters Impacted by COVID-19.



**Struggling to pay rent or utilities due to the COVID-19 pandemic? Missouri State Assistance For Housing Relief (SAFHR) may be able to help – learn more and find out how to apply!**

SAFHR for Renters is an assistance program administered by the Missouri Housing Development Commission (MHDC), funded by the federal government COVID stimulus package.

## What help does SAFHR for Renters provide?

- Provides rent and utility assistance for eligible Missouri residents impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic.
- Covers up to a total of 12 months of rent and utility bills, back to April 2020 and for up to 3 months in the future.
- Utilities include gas, electric, water, sewage/waste water, fuel (propane, wood, etc.) and trash.
- Money is paid directly to landlord or utility company.

## Am I eligible for SAFHR for Renters?

- You must be a resident of the state of Missouri, and a renter at your current or previous address.
- At least one member of your household must be financially impacted – directly or indirectly – as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. This could mean someone in your household has lost a job, had reduced pay, or incurred significant COVID-related expenses. You must be at risk of losing your housing or having your utilities shut off due to this financial hardship.
- Your income must not exceed 80% of your Area Median Income (AMI). This is determined by your county and your household size. You can determine if you meet the income requirements by viewing the SAFHR income ranges worksheet at [mohousingresources.com/safhr](https://mohousingresources.com/safhr)



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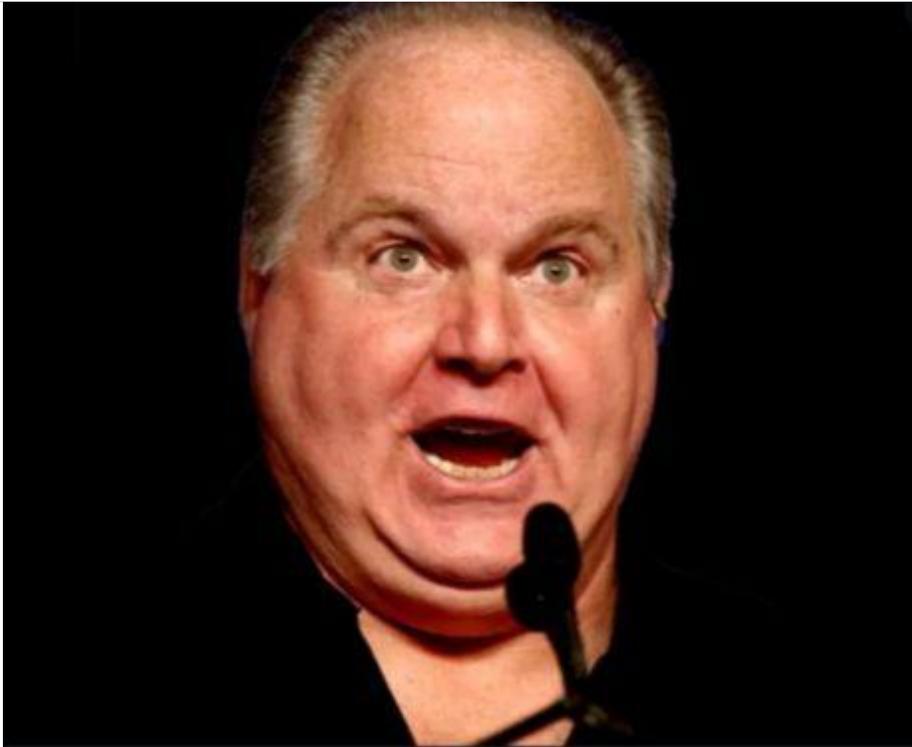
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\* Application period expected to be open until Sept 2022.

Click [here](#) for more information



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**HOUSE REPUBLICANS SAY NO TO  
CRONKITE, YES TO LIMBAUGH**

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Immediately after rejecting a proposal to declare a commemorative day honoring Missouri native and respected veteran television newsman Walter Cronkite, the Republican-controlled House of Representatives voted 94-49-2 on May 6 to grant a similar honor to controversial radio talk show host Rush Limbaugh III, also a Missouri native.

Cronkite was born in St. Joseph in 1916 and died in New York in 2009. During his nearly two decade tenure as anchor of the CBS Evening News, Cronkite earned a reputation as “the most trusted man in America.” Limbaugh, by contrast, pioneered a bombastic style of conservative commentary during more than three decades helming his eponymous daily radio talk show and earned frequent criticism for making racist, sexist, xenophobic and homophobic comments. He was born in Cape Girardeau in 1951 and died last February in Palm Beach, Fla.

Republican leaders shut down debate on the Limbaugh proposal as Democratic lawmakers lined up to read some of Limbaugh’s many offensive comments. The Limbaugh provision was added to another measure, Senate Bill 72, containing numerous commemorative designations. The bill now returns to the Senate.

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## **COMMUNITY NEWS AND HAPPENINGS**

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Learn the latest news about developments that will bring new jobs and services to the south Kansas City area by joining our monthly SKCA ZOOM meeting from **6 to 7:30 p.m. Monday, May 10.**

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**VACCINATION EVENT**

**Location:**

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Kansas City, MO 64134

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**Saturday, May 8th**

**Time:**

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The reward has been raised to  
**\$30,000** for Dominic



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**GREATER KANSAS CITY CRIME STOPPERS  
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**PRESS RELEASE  
FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

**FROM: Det. Kevin Boehm, Crime Stoppers Coordinator**

**SUBJECT: Reward Increase – 9 Year Old Dominic Young Homicide**

**KANSAS CITY, MO --- The Kansas City, Missouri Police Department and the Greater KC Crime Stoppers TIPS Hotline continue to seek information in the January 20, 2018 homicide of 9 year old Dominic Young Jr. at 71 Highway and Emanuel Cleaver II Blvd.**

**Dominic Young Jr. was apparently hit by a stray gunshot while occupying a vehicle**

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driven by his father and died as a result of his injuries. Dominic, his father and brother were en route to Grandview at the time. The vehicle driven by Dominic's father was hit by gunshots from other vehicles apparently engaged in a gunfight according to statements.

KCPD found a possible crime scene near the intersection where the father said the shooting happened. When the father arrived home in Grandview, Dominic was not responsive. Grandview police initially responded to the father's home and found the boy in critical condition. He was later pronounced dead at a hospital.

A number of community leaders and organizations including State Representative Richard Brown, Mayor Pro Tem Kevin McManus, former City Councilmen Scott Taylor, Scott Wagner, John Sharp; the City of KCMO and Concord Fortress of Hope Church (Pastor Ron Lindsay) have come forward to increase the existing reward in the case up to \$30,000.00. Those leaders are available for comment in regard to the case.

Anyone with information is urged to contact Crime Stoppers Greater Kansas City TIPS Hotline at 816-474-TIPS (8477), TIPS may also be submitted electronically at [www.KCcrimestoppers.com](http://www.KCcrimestoppers.com), or by downloading our NEW mobile app, P3TIPS, on Google Play or the Apple iOS stores for FREE. Information leading to an arrest and/or filing of charges could be eligible for up to \$30,000.00 in reward money. ALL INFORMATION IS ANONYMOUS.



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Please forward this email to your friends and family who want to know how what is happening in Jefferson City will impact them here at home.



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